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SITE: Boulter

BREAK: 13.1

OTHER: _____

RE: Request for State Lead Status for the
Boulter Farms Area site
Cumberland, RI
CERCLIS ID RID980672620

Dear Ms. Smith:

The State of Rhode Island, Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) hereby requests that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) assign a State Lead status code to the **Boulter Farms Area**, located in the Town of Cumberland, RI], which is currently being addressed under the RIDEM Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP).

The property was discovered and listed on CERCLIS on 2/1/1981. Since that time there have been four CERCLA investigations. A Preliminary Assessment was completed in 1981, a Site Inspection was completed in 1989, a Site Inspection Prioritization was completed in 1998, and an Expanded Site Inspection was completed in 2004.

The RIDEM VCP actively works with responsible parties to investigate and remediate contaminated sites in accordance with the Rhode Island *Remediation Regulations*. Many of these sites are also listed on CERCLIS and the responsible party is working cooperatively through the VCP program to achieve final closure of the site. Based on the information we currently have, it is believed that none of these sites would be National Priority List candidate sites, and as such are proceeding under a state lead action, with the ultimate issuance of a Letter of Compliance, at which time the RIDEM will request that the site be placed on the archived CERCLIS list.

The site is currently an automobile salvage yard. Historically it was a farm, and subsequently an automobile junkyard, which accepted liquid waste into lagoons and solid waste into at least solid waste disposal area on site. A portion of the property and the majority of the solid waste disposal area, is located in North Attleboro, Massachusetts.



30% post-consumer fiber

The site was added to CERCLIS in 1981 when a public drinking water supply in North Attleboro was found to be contaminated with volatile organic compounds. The results of the most recent EPA investigation (2004 ESI) indicate soil/source contamination was identified by the presence of VOCs, SVOCs, pesticides, PCBs, petroleum hydrocarbons, and metals.

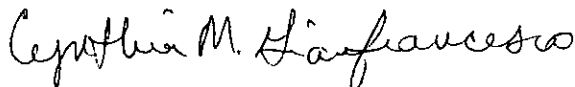
On October 5, 2005 the RIDEM issues a Letter of Responsibility (LOR) to the property owner and operator of the Boulter Farms Area site, the J Ferreira Trust and Joseph Ferreira respectively. The LOR required that the site be completely investigated , and if necessary, remediated in accordance with the *Remediation Regulations*. On October 25, 2005 a meeting was held with the responsible parties, their consultant, and a potential buyer. Since that time the responsible parties have been proceeding with the investigation and the complete Site Investigation Report is expected to be submitted by June 1, 2006. It is anticipated that areas of concern identified in this, and previous investigations, will be addressed through remediation.

Given the information provided above, the RIDEM believes that:

1. At this time the property is not an appropriate candidate for NPL listing and no further steps should be taken by EPA to list the property on the NPL unless information currently unknown to the Department is discovered which could change the status of the site;
2. The current State oversight of this project is sufficient to ensure containment of onsite sources, require necessary remediation, and monitor impacts to human health and the environment;
3. The site status on CERCLIS should indicate the RIDEM as the lead agency at this site.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (401) 222-4700 X 7126 or Cynthia.Gianfrancesco@dem.ri.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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